(*c*) the rate of interest charged on the investment; and

(*d*) whether interest is charged and levied on the total amount invested ?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*) :

(*a*) Rs. 10,94,113-13-7.

(*b*) Rs. 5,35,950-19-2.

(*c*) 4 %.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : With reference to answer to part (b), may I know whether interest charged on the 5 lakhs and odd rupees is credited to the Transport Department ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : No, Sir. No interest is allowed on the depreciation funds.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഫണ്ടിൽ ഈ ഡിപ്രീഷ്യേഷൻറിനു തുകെ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്ന വരവെന്താണെന്ന് പ്രസ്താവിക്കുവാൻ മയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I have no information before me.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*) : May I know what is the percentage set apart for depreciation funds every year ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : It depends on the items to which it refers. Depreciation of rolling stock is fixed at 25%, for machinery and tools at 15 per cent. and on buildings at 5 per cent.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: മൂലധനത്തിൻറെ പലിശ മറ്റു ചിലവുകൾ ഇതെല്ലാം നീക്കി ഫണ്ടിൽ എത്ര ലാഭമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

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30. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of Nadar candidates that appeared for the recent Public Service Special Examination (on 11th Kanni 1117) ;

(*b*) (i). the names of graduate candidates ;

(ii) the names of under-graduates ; and

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the names of them in the order of their merit ?

MR. S. N. URE (*Public Service Commissioner*) : (*a*) 19.

(*b*) (i) C. Ponnuswamy Nadar.

(ii) All those mentioned in the answer to part (*c*) of the question, except C. Ponnuswamy Nadar, No. 6.

(c) *Clerks. 20-25.*

1 M. Brahmakrishna Nadar
2 A. Brahmanandaswamy Nadar
3 D. Devasikhamoni
4 K. Rajamma

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[Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.]

5 S. Ponnumoni Nadar
6 C. Ponnuswamy Nadar
7 K. Masanamuthu Nadar
8 T. A. Padmabhai
9 K. Rajamoni Nadar
10 K. Chellappan
11 N. Nallathampi
12 K. Gnanamuthu Nadar
13 A. Natarajan
14 C. Kolappan
15 S. Swami Nadar
16 S. Thankian
17 C. Ratnaswamy
18 S. Chelliah

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1 T. Chinnakkon Nadar.

Communal Holidays.

31. * **MR. G. VELU PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*); Will the Government be pleased to state whether, they have received any representation from the Travancore Advocates Association requesting Government to abolish communal holidays?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether Government propose to take any action on the same?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Government are proposing to constitute a small committee comprised of representatives of both the Houses of Legislature to consider the question of holidays with particular reference to communal and partial holidays.

MR. P. S. MUHAMMED കമ്മ്യൂണൽ ഹാളിഡേസ് എന്നു പറയുന്നതു സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഹാളിഡേസ് ആണോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: പണ്ട് മുസ്ലിം, ക്രിസ്ത്യൻ ഈ സമുദായങ്ങൾക്കായി പ്രത്യേകം കൊടുക്കുന്ന ഒഴിവു ദിവസമാണ്.

PRESIDENT: Order. Order. It has been really on account of the lack of interest evinced by the honourable members of the two Houses that this matter has not been settled before. The Government's idea has been and will be to have as few sectional and communal holidays as possible because such communal and sectional holidays have often served to dislocate business very badly. For instance, during a Hindu holiday, in some offices, a large number of officers and subordinates are unable to be present, with the result that the general business suffers. In other localities the same will be the case during a Christian holiday. Therefore, it is considered advisable by Government to

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